

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A side curtain air bag, which ~~has~~ includes chambers expanded by gas supplied from ~~an inflator~~ a gas generator, and expands and develops ~~[[in]]~~ into a curtain shape ~~[[at]]~~ along a side part of a vehicle so as to protect vehicle occupants, the side curtain air bag comprising:

~~[[a]]~~ at least one primary chamber which expands by gas supplied by the gas generator so as to protect an occupant;

~~[[a]]~~ at least one secondary chamber which ~~applies tension on the side curtain air bag after the side curtain air bag~~ expands by gas supplied by the gas generator, and wherein the secondary chamber is expanded and developed after the primary chamber is expanded and developed; and

~~a set of strings, at least two tethers, each tether having one end attached to the side curtain air bag at a joint end and the other end attached to a vehicle at a fixation end, in the forward and backward direction of the vehicle.~~

wherein, when the side curtain air bag is expanded and developed, the primary chamber and the secondary chamber are ~~is-disposed~~ arranged such that a portion or all of the primary chamber and a portion or all of the secondary chamber overlaps respectively overlap a virtual band region, the virtual band region being

formed ~~[[of]]~~ along a ~~first virtual line connecting the respective fixation ends of the one set of strings and a second~~ virtual line connecting the respective joint ends of the ~~pair one set of strings~~ tethers.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The side curtain air bag according to claim 3, wherein the secondary chamber ~~[[has]]~~ includes an opening communicating with the primary chamber, ~~and is the secondary chamber being~~ expanded by ~~[[the]]~~ an inflow of the gas from the primary chamber.

6. (Currently Amended) A side curtain air bag, which ~~[[has]]~~ includes chambers expanded by gas supplied from ~~an inflator~~ a gas generator, and expands and develops ~~[[in]]~~ into a curtain shape ~~[[at]]~~ along a side part of a vehicle so as to protect vehicle occupants, the side curtain air bag comprising:

~~[[a]]~~ at least one primary chamber which expands by gas supplied by the gas generator so as to protect an occupant;

~~[[a]]~~ at least one secondary chamber which expands by gas supplied by the gas generator, and wherein the secondary chamber applies tension on the side curtain air bag after the side curtain air bag is expanded and developed after the primary chamber is expanded and developed; and

~~a set of strings,~~ at least two tethers, each tether having one end attached to ~~[[the]]~~ an attachment ~~part of point on~~ the side curtain air bag at a joint end and the other end attached to a vehicle at a fixation end, in the forward and backward direction of the vehicle,

wherein, when the side curtain air bag is expanded and developed, the primary chamber and the secondary chamber ~~are is-disposed~~ arranged such that a portion or all of the primary chamber and a portion or all of the secondary chamber ~~overlaps~~ respectively overlap a virtual band region, the virtual band region being formed ~~[[of]]~~ between a first virtual line connecting respective upper ends of the attachment parts ~~points~~ of the ~~one-set-of-strings~~ tethers and a second virtual line connecting respective lower ends of the attachment ~~[[parts]]~~ points of the ~~one-set-of-strings~~ tethers.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The side curtain air bag according to claim 6, wherein the secondary chamber ~~[[has]]~~ includes an opening communicating with the primary chamber, ~~and-is~~ the secondary chamber being expanded by ~~[[the]]~~ an inflow of the gas from the primary chamber.

9. (Currently Amended) A side curtain air bag, which ~~[[has]]~~ includes chambers expanded by gas supplied from ~~an inflator~~ a gas generator, and expands and develops ~~[[in]]~~ into a curtain shape ~~[[at]]~~ along a side part of a vehicle so as to protect vehicle occupants, the side curtain air bag comprising:

~~[[a]]~~ at least one primary chamber which expands by gas supplied by the gas generator so as to protect an occupant;

~~[[a]]~~ at least one secondary chamber which expands by gas supplied by the gas generator, ~~applies tension on the side curtain air bag after the side curtain~~

~~air bag~~ and wherein the secondary chamber is expanded and developed after the primary chamber is expanded and developed; and

~~a set of strings, at least two tethers, each tether having [[one]] a joint end attached to the side curtain air bag at a joint end via the an attachment part of point on the side curtain air bag and the other a fixation end attached to a vehicle; at a fixation end,~~ in the forward and backward direction of the vehicle,

wherein, when the side curtain air bag is expanded and developed, the primary chamber and the secondary chamber is disposed are arranged such that a portion or all of the primary chamber and a portion or all of the secondary chamber overlaps respectively overlap a virtual band region, the virtual band region being formed ~~[[of]]~~ between a first virtual line connecting ~~[[the]]~~ an upper end of the attachment ~~part~~ point of one ~~string tether~~ and the fixation end of the other ~~string tether~~, and a second virtual line connecting the respective lower ends of the attachment ~~parts~~ points of the ~~one set of strings tethers~~.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) The side curtain air bag according to claim 9, wherein the secondary chamber ~~[[has]]~~ includes an opening communicating with the primary chamber, ~~and is the secondary chamber being~~ expanded by ~~[[the]]~~ an inflow of the gas from the primary chamber.